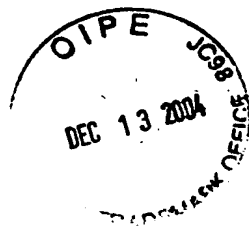


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action mailed August 12, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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